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*Dedicated to healing the whole person, spirit, soul and body,
and to the healing of situations, of nations, and of God's creation.*



Greetings from National Chaplain Lionel

Dear Friends,

In recent issues of Heal-Link we have featured two of the Christian Healing Homes that demonstrate the healing ministry in action. Rachelle and I have been associated with

Te Waioira in Canterbury since it was founded over 25 years ago. It was actually within our parish bounds. It is great to take up that association again now that we are back in Christchurch. The other featured Healing Home, Manna in Taranaki, is one we have not visited but look forward to doing so in future. The oldest Healing Home is Titoki and Rachelle and I were pleased to spend a night there in June. These three healing centres provide a vital ministry for people who are in need of 'time out' for whatever reason.

In Mark's gospel [6:30-32] we find the apostles reporting to Jesus after their mission trip. Jesus said to them:

"Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest awhile"

Mark makes the comment:

"for many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat."

Here was Jesus calling them aside to rest awhile and to get away from the pressures of daily living. Jesus continues to call people aside today, to rest and to have time apart in the quietness. Healing centres are a means of providing this time apart from the world. Some people need that time to be still before God and hear what he is saying to them. Others simply need time to rest, away from the stresses of daily living. While yet others need time to assess where they stand before God and be assured that he loves and cares for them.

All of these needs have been met by Christian healing centres over a long period of time. The centres depend on a good number of dedicated people exercising their skill, gifting and time in the service of Jesus Christ.

I commend to your prayers those who are involved in the work of these healing centres:-

- ❖ the trustees
- ❖ the managers
- ❖ the chaplains
- ❖ others who work there
- ❖ those who are guests

I realise as I write that this will be the last issue of Heal-Link before Christmas. This is an opportunity for us to pause and take time to consider what the birth of Jesus means. Can we grasp the wonder of this event, that in Jesus the mighty God came and dwelt among us as a baby born in a manger. As Max Lucado in his book 'God Came Near' wrote:

"The omnipotent, in one instant, made himself breakable. He who had been spirit became pierceable. He who was larger than the universe became an embryo. And he who sustains the world with a word chose to be dependent upon the nourishment of a young girl."

Christmas reassures us that God really does care for us and understands the world in which we live. May this Christmas be a time when you know the great love that God has for you.

Rachelle joins with me in wishing you and your family a blessed Christmas.

The peace of Christ be with you all,

Yours in his service

Lionel

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FINAL Reminder!

Subscriptions for the current financial year 2009-2010 are **overdue!** Subscription is \$20 per member and \$30 for couples. If you haven't paid **please** pay your subs **now** to your Chapter Treasurer. Postal Members, **please** post your subs to the General Treasurer – see below.

The Order of St Luke the Physician in NZ is a Registered Charitable Trust. Donations can also be sent to the General Treasurer who will send you an official receipt for tax rebate purposes. Please make use of these opportunities to support the Healing Ministry in New Zealand.

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From Co-General Secretaries:

Dear Friends,

We are sorry for the delay in sending this Heal-Link out. Some of you will have heard via Frank’s “prayer link” email that following admission to Whangarei Hospital and numerous tests Shirley has undergone an angiogram in Auckland Hospital. The specialist reported that she has a healthy heart saying that it was possibly an attack of indigestion. We praise the Lord for answered prayer and thank those who were in touch in response to Frank’s Prayer-Link email. Thank you all for your prayers.

Also on the good news front, while age and illness are causing the loss of some members, new members are joining and a new chapter is being established in the North at Kerikeri in the new year. So we are quite heartened.

The Area Chaplain and Convenor for the North, Rev John and Mrs Enid McClean, have been called to accept the position of chaplain/managers of Te Waioira House in Canterbury, where they have served previously. We rejoice in their calling and on behalf of the Order offer our prayers as they serve in this new capacity. However this means that we have to give notice that early next year we will be calling for nominations for their replacements.

Likewise the Area Chaplain for the Central Area, Rev Ivan Dunnett, as a result of continuing health problems, has resigned his position as from the end of the year in order to concentrate on his rehabilitation.

As a result of the above the Warden has appointed ourselves and Rev Neville and Mrs Janice Cooper as joint Acting Area Chaplains and Convenors for the Northern Area and Rev Faye Davenport as Acting Area Chaplain for the Central Area until the May Executive Meeting by which time formal elections will have been held.

This year’s Directory is nearly completed and will soon be circulated to Chapter Secretaries who receive Heal-Link by hard copy as well as to all members who have email facilities.

On behalf of the Executive of the Order may we extend Christmas Greetings and God’s richest blessings to all.

Your servants in Christ
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From Canterbury Area

News from Rangiora Chapter

In July, on a fine but rather cold day, the Rangiora Chapter gathered together with nearly thirty people from as far away as Ashburton in the South and Cheviot in the North. The seminar was led by the Revd Kevin and Mrs Sheryll Gwynne. Kevin is the OSL Missioner for the South Island. Their subject was **“Finding Balance in an Unbalanced World”**.

The day was a very interesting one as Kevin and Sheryll shared the teaching and how many things can get in the way of our relationship with God and the steps we need to take to regain that relationship.

Some of the steps involved:

¶ Personality Files; ¶ Wounded Spirit; ¶ Wall of Salvation.

The Seminar ended by everyone receiving a copy of the statement called **“A Creed of Self Affirmation”** (below). Everyone found that this completed a very interesting and thought provoking day.

A CREED OF SELF AFFIRMATION

I believe that when God created me He did a good job.
He looked at me and was very pleased.

I believe I am made in the image of God.
That image has been marred by sin, but there is a core of me which reflects God.

I believe Christ died to release me to become the person He created me to be,
And that He is at work in my life making this happen.

I believe that the things I see as blemishes, the things others snigger at,
God regards as part of my uniqueness.

I believe that God loves me unconditionally,
not depending on any virtue I may or may not possess
or upon anything I have done or achieved.
The Bible calls this Grace; I call it amazing!

Though I cannot grasp the full extent of God's love for me,
I accept it as so and rejoice in it.

I thank God for myself, for what I am, and for what I am becoming,
Through Jesus Christ the Lord. **AMEN**

Years ago I fell down the stairs and I broke my tail bone and back. The pain in my back has been worse lately making walking difficult and standing very hard. At our OSL meeting I had prayer for the relief of pain in my back. A couple of weeks later when I went to bed I had toothache. I prayed for the pain to go away. I suddenly felt something in my back, it was like a noiseless clicking. I realised my back was healed. I then went to sleep. The next morning I was fine. I could walk again without any trouble. Praise the Lord.



Rachel Tregurtha

I was visiting a friend who was due to have surgery. She was very afraid as she had previously had heart surgery so was apprehensive about being in hospital again. I prayed for her to not be afraid. Just as I finished the phone rang. It was to arrange for her to go into hospital for her surgery.

She accepted and had the operation and everything was satisfactory. She was 91 years old.

Margaret Vermeulen

News from Mt Pleasant/Pegasus Chapter

At our last chapter meeting when we came to a time of prayer it was suggested that we pray in silence for each member in the chapter. To do this we prayed for one person at a time in silence while one person laid hands on them. After a minute the next person to be prayed for was named and the prayer focussed on them. In this way everyone was prayed for including those who were absent. This was a very significant time of prayer ministry and there was a real sense of the presence of God in our midst.

Over the past few years one of our chapter members has felt called to pray for young couples who are having difficulty conceiving. The result has been a number of very happy new parents (and grandparents!).

Healing Addictions

Many people ask for prayer to heal a physical sickness or mental disorder which they fail to specify correctly or identify as something quite different. An example is a person wanting prayer for a painful knee when the cause is a failing hip socket, or the insomniac who wants prayer for a good nights sleep. In this second example I am thinking of Bob. Three of us stood, laying hands on Bob and waited for a word of knowledge and a prompting from the Holy Spirit. Nothing happened! We started again in prayerful questions and answers to learn that Bob was really depressed and worried by his work load and job security (another sign of economic recession). As we continued to pray all over again, our leader felt “the warm glow of Holy Spirit’s power” flowing over him and the rest of us. We all felt a positive feeling of peace. We prayed, “Thank you Father for this Peace, we don’t understand but we know you are answering our prayers.” Bob said loudly “Amen”. I ran into Bob two weeks later, at church, and he grabbed me by the hand, “Thank you so much for your prayers. I am sleeping much better and I’ve stopped worrying about my job. You know, I’m an awful worrier!” I found myself reflecting on Bob’s addiction to worry and thanking Jesus for understanding our prayers.

Editor

A Testimony from a NZ Member ministering in Cambodia

A young woman in her early twenties, Sokcheat, fell from her house and banged her head. Over the following three weeks she suffered intense headaches. Here in Cambodia poor people cannot go to the doctor unless they are desperate. She collapsed at work forcing the father to seek treatment which he couldn’t afford. When I visited the hospital I found she had suffered a large brain haemorrhage, leaving her unconscious and paralysed on her left side.

Her father was distraught with worry for her; how he was to find the money to pay for her bed in the hospital and to pay for the treatment she needed. He went heavily into debt just to have her treatment begun.

The small group I was with spoke with him and I was drawn to her bedside. I was filled with anger that this young woman should be so afflicted and found myself wanting to say to her: “Little girl, stand up!” My faith wavered- “was this the Lord and He was about to do a miracle?” I prayed for guidance- was it the Lord, or was it me? I found myself drawn to pray in tongues, surrounding her in my thinking with the love of God and calling her God given resources within her body, be mobilised bringing her healing.

After a while the others came to join me – all prayed for her, her father and her sister as they cared for her. Some money was given by the Dad’s colleagues to help keep her in hospital – sacrificial giving with many of them as badly off as he to survive on what they earned. We found other sources to help a little too. We visited frequently – the system in Cambodia is if you have no money you get no treatment and no respect either. Our visiting demonstrated that Pat had foreign friends and worked in an International organisation giving him more respect and time to raise money. With time Sokcheat became fully conscious, greeting us with the most beautiful smile, yet still paralysed down the left side.

Each time we went we prayed and each time I was filled with a sense of this young woman walking again. I arranged with a colleague who worked with stroke victims (as an Occupational Therapist). Over the next fortnight my colleague worked with the family to teach Sokcheat exercises and to mobilise her. At first it seemed impossible but suddenly one day she stood and began to walk – dragging her leg but still walking. Given her injuries, this was amazing progress. I truly believe the Lord was present in this process and will continue to pray for this small family, that Sokcheat will again work and pay her own way. They all live together now in one room.

I would be so glad if folk would pray for Pat, his daughter Sokcheat (Sok-chee-it) and the family that they might see more and more of the Lord’s love and healing in their whole situation. Thank you OSLNZ for your good work and prayers for healing.

Maureen Harley, Cambodia

International Conference of OSL -- Canada 2010

Further details are now to hand - if you planning to attend – ACT!

Theme: 'Sharing the heart of Jesus with the person,
the church and the world.'

Conference Dates:



Monday June 21st to Friday June 25th, 2010

Location: **University of British Columbia, Okanagan Campus,
Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada**

International Speakers:

Mike Endicott (Wales), **Russ Parker** (England), **Nigel Mumford** (USA),
each has written books on healing.

More Information:-

International OSL Conference in Canada, June 2010 -- update

We are still receiving details about the Conference as the programme is being finalised. As a reminder it is from Monday June 21st to breakfast on Saturday 26th at Kelowna in British Columbia. For those who plan to go straight to the Conference there is a direct flight to Vancouver on the Sunday. Otherwise one needs to travel via Los Angeles or San Francisco. Since last *Heal Link* we have received an offer from a specialist group tour company who has a link with one of our members. There could be merit in meeting up as a group to go to the Conference and possible trips after.

The agency is willing to co-ordinate this. So it is suggested you contact **Kay** at **The Tour Company** in Auckland. Her email is kay@travcorp.co.nz or freephone **0800-356-728**. The Tour Company will coordinate registrations, arrange international airfares, airport transfers, Vancouver to Kelowna flights, visas (for any non NZ passport holders if applicable), post-conference travel options, including an 11 day Rocky Mountains rail and coach tour and Alaska/Glacier Bay and Inside Passage Cruise, Round Trip from Vancouver for 7 nights, transfers to connect to post conference travel.



Other concessions offered are a \$100 per person flying to departure in Auckland from Wellington & Christchurch.

Shorter post-conference tours may be possible, but there is urgency to decide to join a group tour. The Tour Company seeks 14 November 2009 as deadline for making bookings. To peruse the programme and outstanding keynote speakers look up www.osl2010.ca

Derek Lightbourne

NEW FULL MEMBERS:

Whangarei: Mrs Shirley McKerrow
Midland Postal: Mrs Ava Stockwell,
Mrs Marcia Marshall-Devantier
Taranua Postal: Mr Murray Wills
Invercargill: Mrs Lorraine Cooper, Mrs Eleanor Jillings
Mrs Dorreen Metzger, Mrs Grace Nuttall



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Hibiscus Coast:: Mr Graham Hockly
Ashburton: Mrs Caroline Hay
Kapiti: Rev Newton Fink



DIRECTORY AMENDMENTS:

None this issue as the new Directory will be available shortly.

GENERAL INFORMATION:-

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Our website is managed and operated for OSL by Brian & Shirley Flower.

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Reminder: Dead-line for next HEAL-LINK is 1 February 2010

It is the turn of the **Southern Area** to send in contributions.

All members are invited to contribute to *HEAL-LINK*; it is your newsletter!

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May the peace and hope of

Christ's birth

be with you now and in the days ahead

